

several computers (2) to perform the steps of the method according to claim 1,

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete the improper multiple dependencies in order to place the application into better form prior to examination.

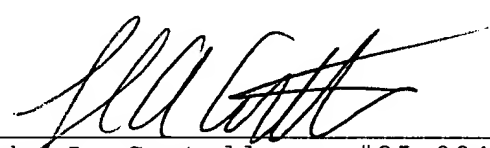
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) Method according to [claim 1-3] claim 1, wherein input (9) from the user is received using a pointing device (5).

7. (Amended) Method according to [claim 4-6] claim 4, wherein the step of indicating (34; 46) an object type in association with each subarea comprises displaying a symbol (26a-d) representing said object type in connection to said subarea.

8. (Amended) Method according to [claim 5-7] claim 5, wherein the step of indicating (46) an object type in association with each subarea (23'; 23'') comprises changing the appearance of the cursor (28).

9. (Amended) Method according to [one of the previous claims] claim 1, wherein the object types represent various physical items and are inserted into the working area to create said network.

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